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PREFACE

Toys at Play is one of the books in *The Beacon Library* containing carefully graded reading material within the range of the child's interests and of the right degree of word difficulty for successive Stages in the Beacon Reading Course.

Though *Toys at Play* deals with situations and experiences that are entirely different from those introduced in the main readers for the Book One Stage of Beacon Reading, it has a vocabulary which is common to those books. It contains in all 3086 words, but out of this total there are only 238 different words, giving an average repetition of 13 times for each word. Further, only the words listed overleaf will be unfamiliar to the child who has read the main readers for the Book One Stage, and has completed the phonic work of that Stage. As the vocabulary approximates equally closely to that of *Old Friends*—another book in *The Beacon Library* for the Book One Stage—the two can be used interchangeably and thus help to provide the pupil with the additional reading which is essential for fluency.

The following words may be unfamiliar to children who have just completed Stage One of either the Original or the Old Lob Approach to Beacon Reading.

Bear	<i>page 6</i>	now*	<i>page 28</i>	hoop	<i>page 46</i>
Bunny		want*	<i>page 30</i>	through	<i>page 48</i>
Posy		car†	<i>page 31</i>	thimble	<i>page 49</i>
Rosy		goodbye†			
Teddy		wind (long i)			
	<i>page 7</i>				
Ruth's†		off†	<i>page 33</i>	cold	<i>page 50</i>
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John's†		Fathers†	<i>page 35</i>	water*	<i>page 51</i>
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	<i>page 11</i>	work*	<i>page 36</i>	put	<i>page 53</i>
give†				rollers	
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cry				soldier(s)	
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	<i>page 21</i>			doing	
ball†		bow (ow sound)	<i>page 41</i>		
roll(s)				<i>page 58</i>	<i>page 58</i>
	<i>page 23</i>	daddy	<i>page 42</i>	window	
hurt					
Muffy		out*	<i>page 43</i>	<i>page 60</i>	
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kitty†		throw	<i>page 44</i>	bubbles	
	<i>page 26</i>			they*	
look*		count	<i>page 45</i>		<i>page 61</i>
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picture					<i>page 62</i>
				basket*	

* Familiar to children who have read *The Move*

† Familiar to children who have read *At Home* and *At Play*

THE STORY

John, Ruth and Baby have gone away for the summer holidays, leaving their dolls, teddy bear and toy animals in the nursery. These all come to life in the story. Though at first they are lonely and sad without the children, they soon cheer up and begin to play the games they have seen the children enjoy.



TOYS AT PLAY



Who am I?
I am a big doll.
I am Ruth's big doll.
My name is Rosy.

Who am I?

I am Ruth's doll.

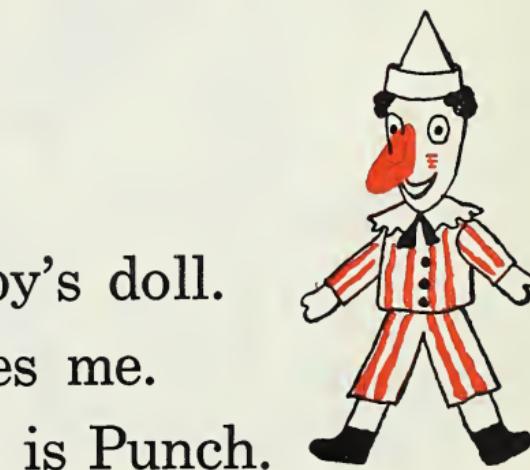
My name is Posy.



Who am I?

I am John's Doll.

Robin is my name.



I am Baby's doll.

Baby likes me.

My name is Punch.



Here I am.
Who am I?
I am not a doll.
I am a bear.
My name is Teddy Bear.
I am a very big bear.



Do you see me?
I will tell you who I am.
I am John's big horse.
My name is Dobbin.
John can ride me.
Ruth can ride me.
See me ! I am Dobbin.



Come, Ruth and John.
You may have a ride.
Let Baby have a ride, too
Come and have a ride, Baby !
I am a good horse.
I will give you a good ride.
Come, John ! Come, Ruth !

Where is John?
Can you see him?
I can not see him.
Oh dear ! Oh dear !



Where is Ruth?
Can you see her?
I can not see her.

Where is Baby?
Can you see her?
I can not see her.
Oh dear ! Oh dear !



John ! John ! Where are you ?
John has gone away.

Ruth ! Ruth ! Where are you ?
Ruth has gone away.



Baby ! Baby ! Where are you ?
Baby has gone away.

Ruth, John and Baby May,
Gone, gone, gone away.



O John ! O Ruth !
You did not take us with you.

O Baby ! Baby !
You did not take us with you.

Come back, John and Ruth !
Come, and take us with you.

Hush ! Do not cry, Posy.
You must not be afraid.

Hush ! Do not cry, Punch.
You must not be afraid.

Hush ! do not cry, Robin.
You are too big to be afraid.

Ruth and John will come home.
Baby will come home too.





I will be brave. I will not cry.
John will come back by and by.

I will be brave. I will not cry.
Ruth will come back by and by.

We will be brave.
We will not cry.
May will come home by and by.

Who will not cry ?
Not I ! Not I !

Do you like to play, Posy ?
Yes, Rosy, I like to play.

Do you like a game, Punch ?
Yes, Robin, I do like a game.

Come, Punch, and play with me.
We will play with Rosy
and Posy.

May I play with you ?
Yes, Bunny, you may play too.





John and Ruth, and Baby May,
All have gone, gone away.

We are brave. We do not cry.
We shall see them by and by.

We are good. We will play
Like Ruth, John, and Baby May.

Play, play
All the day !

See-saw ! See-saw !
Do you like to play SEE-SAW ?
Come, Rosy. Come, Posy.
Let us play SEE-SAW.
Rosy, Rosy, up you go !
Posy, Posy, down you go !
Up you go, Posy !
Down you go Rosy !
See-saw, up and down.
Rosy, Posy, up and down.





Who likes to ride ?
Who will ride on Dobbin ?
Come, Dobbin, give us a ride.
You have a good big back.
Dobbin, you are a good horse.
Will you take us for a ride
on your back ?
Rosy, Posy, Punch and Robin,
All may have a ride on Dobbin.

Baby has left her ball at home.
How pretty it is !
We will play with it.
Posy rolls the ball to Rosy.
Rosy will roll it back to Posy.

Come, Punch. Come, Teddy,
Come and see
Posy roll the ball to me.



Punch Oh, here is Spot.
Can you play BALL, Spot ?



Spot Yes, I can play ball.
I can run to it, and roll it, too.
See me go ! How quick I am !

Punch You are quick.
You run well.
You may play with us.
Go and get the ball, Spot.
You are a good little dog.

Chick Peep, peep, peep,
Hear me say, "Peep, peep."
Who will play with me?



Muffy I hear you say, "Peep."
I will play with you.

Chick I do not want to play
with you. You will hurt me.

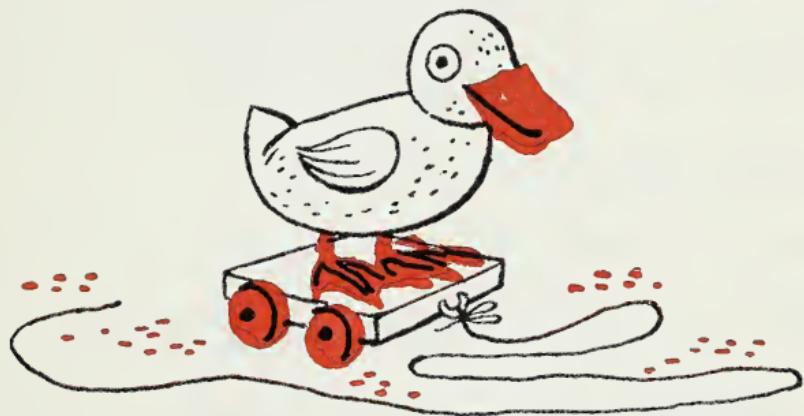
Rosy Muffy, Muffy, do not hurt
Chick-chick. Be good to him.

Muffy I am a little kitty-cat.
Spot says he likes me.
Spot I like Muffy.
I would not hurt her.



Chick I am not afraid of Muffy.
I like to play with her.
Muffy We are all fond of Spot.
We have good fun with him.
We like to play with Spot.
He is a good dog.

Duck I am Baby's Quack-quack.
I have a string on me.
It makes me go.
Take me and press me,
and I shall say, "Quack-quack."



Punch I can make you say,
"Quack-quack."
I can take you by the string
and make you go, as well.



Here we are. Look at us.
We are all ready for play.

Chick Once upon a time
I was afraid of Muffy.

Muffy Look at me.
Who could be afraid of me?

Spot We would not hurt
little Chick-chick.

We like to play with her.

Duck Quack-quack, Quack-quack!
Let us begin the game.

Robin Look at me, Posy.
I will take your picture.

Posy Will it hurt me ?

Robin It will not hurt you.

Rosy Make yourself look pretty.
You must look pretty
in the picture, Posy.



Robin You must sit still, Posy.

Posy O Robin ! I am afraid.

Do not take my picture.

I wish you would not take it.

Rosy You must not cry, Posy.

If you cry, you will not make
a pretty picture.



Robin Oh, Posy is a cry-baby !

Come, Punch, I will take
a picture of you, now.

You must sit still, Punch.



Posy This is my house, Rosy.
Will you come into the house
and play with me ?

Rosy Yes, I will play with you.
O Posy ! I can not get in.
This house is too little.

Posy My house is not too little.
You are too big, Rosy.

Rosy Spot is a little dog.
Punch is little, too.
Let them play in little houses.
I will play with Dobbin
and Teddy.

Muffy I want to play, too.
May I come into the little house ?

Posy Yes, Muffy, you may.
Come into the house.
You may play with us.

Chick I am a very little Chick.
May I come into the house, too ?

Posy Yes, Chick-chick.
Come in if you can.
The house is not very big.

Punch Here is John's motor-car.
Can you make it go ?

Robin Yes, I can.

You wind it up like this.
Then you let it go.



Punch May I ride in it ?

Robin Yes, get in, Punch.

Away you go ! Goodbye !

Punch Goodbye ! Goodbye !
I like to ride in John's car.

Frog Will you wind me up, too ?
Wind me up and see
what I can do.



Robin Oh, you funny, big frog !
What can you do ?
Punch Wind, wind, wind !
Look at the funny frog, Robin.
Let us see what he can do.
Frog Jump ! jump ! jump !
See me go ! See me go !

Robin Punch, give me the top.
I can make it spin.
Do you see this string?
I wind the string on the top.



Now it is off!
Stand away, Punch.
I will stand away, too.
We will let the top spin.

Posy I wish I could wind
the top, and make it spin.

Robin You may wind it, Posy.
Here is the string.

Rosy I will wind Baby's frog,
and he will jump, jump, jump.

Punch I shall wind John's car.
Bunny Rabbit shall ride in it.

Robin What shall I wind ?
I will wind Ruth's mouse.

All So the top will spin,
and the mouse will run.
The motor will go,
and the frog will jump.
What fun we shall have !



Rosy Let us play at
MOTHERS AND FATHERS
I will be the mother.

Robin I will be the father.

Posy May I play with you ?

Rosy Yes, you may help me.



Robin I am the father.

I am going away to work.

Rosy I am the mother.

I shall be in the house
and do the house-work.

Posy Punch shall be the baby.

He shall sit on my lap.

Punch I will not be the baby.

I don't want to play
at MOTHERS AND FATHERS.

I like to run and jump,
not to sit still.

Robin You can run and jump
with Spot.

He will have a game with you.

Rosy Let us get the tea.
Father will have tea
when he comes home from work.



Posy What shall we give Father
for his tea ?

Rosy I will bake him a cake.
He shall have some jam, too,
and a big cup of tea.

Posy That will be a good tea.

Rosy What shall we do today?

Robin Shall we play at SCHOOLS?

Posy That is a good game.

Punch What is school?

Rosy I will tell you

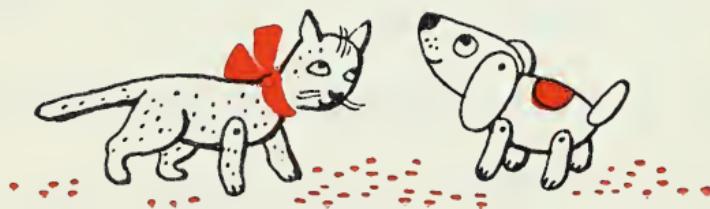
how to play at SCHOOLS.

John and Ruth go to school.

Robin Let us play at SCHOOLS.

You may play, too, Teddy.

Spot and Muffy must run away.



A dog can not play at SCHOOLS.

A cat can not play this game.



Rosy Sit still, all of you.

Punch I don't like to sit still.

Rosy If you do not sit still,
I can not teach you.

Punch What will you teach us ?

Rosy Sit still and you will see.

Posy We are all very still.
What are we going to do ?

Rosy We will begin with a song
You may all sing with me.

Rosy I will teach you
how to dance.

You must do what I say.

Robin That will be good fun.

Punch How shall we dance ?

Rosy Look at me.

Robin, you must dance with me.

Punch, you may dance with Posy.

Teddy May I dance too ?

Rosy You can not dance now.
You must sit still for a time
and look at us.

Posy May we sing, too ?

Rosy Yes, we will sing and dance.
We will begin at once.



Rosy Take off your cap, Punch,
and bow to Posy.

Punch How do I bow ?

Rosy Look at Robin.
He is going to bow to me.

Rosy Bow, Punch. Say to Posy,
" May I dance with you ? "

Punch May I dance with you ?

Posy You may dance with me.

Robin May I dance with you ?

Rosy You may dance with me.

Punch What shall we sing ?

Rosy We will sing,

" Dance to your daddy, daddy."

Punch I can sing that.

I can dance as well.

Look at me. How well I dance!

Rosy Bow to Posy, Punch.

Robin, bow to me.

The dance is over.

Robin Let us play TAG.
I will be IT. Look out for me.
Rosy Run, Posy ! Run, Punch !
Look out for Robin.



Robin Tag, Teddy ! You are IT.
You shall not catch me.
Teddy Look out for me !
I will catch you.
Look out, look out, I say !

Punch I will play with Spot.
See me throw this stick.
See Spot run to get it.
Run, Spot, run for the stick.



You have it, Spot. Good dog !
Robin Throw the stick, Punch.
Spot will run for it.
We will let Spot play TAG
with us.

Rosy Let us play HIDE-AND-SEEK ?

Robin That is a good game.

Rosy Who will be IT ?

Robin Punch shall be IT.



Rosy We will run and hide.

Count ten, Punch.

Then come and look for us.

We must be quick and hide.

Punch will not take long
to count ten.

Robin Do you see this hoop?
I can play with it.
Posy How do you play, Robin?



Robin See this stick.
You throw the hoop at the stick.
If you throw it over the stick,
you will count five.
This hoop will count six.
This little hoop will count ten.

Posy We will all play
the hoop game.
You may begin the game, Robin.
Robin No, You can begin, Rosy.
Rosy Here is a little hoop.
See me throw it over the stick.
Oh dear ! it did not go on.

Robin Throw this, Rosy.
See if this will go on.

Rosy Oh dear ! It did not go on.
I shall not count at all.
O dear ! O dear !

Posy Don't cry, Rosy.
You can do some things
that Robin can not.



Posy Don't bite the hoop, Spot.
You can jump through it.

Punch Muffy would like to jump.
Lift up your feet, Muffy,
and jump through the hoop.
Good, Muffy ! You jump well.
Did you see Muffy jump
through the big hoop, Posy ?
Spot can jump through it too.

Robin What shall we play today ?

Punch HIDE-THE-THIMBLE.

Robin That is a good game.

Here is Ruth's work-box.

The thimble is in the work-box.

Posy, you may begin the game.

Take the thimble and hide it.

We will not look, Posy.



Robin Let us find the thimble.
We must look all over for it.
Tell us when we are hot, Posy.
Tell us when we are cold

Posy You are all cold.
You can not find the thimble.
Oh Teddy ! You are very hot !
Robin and Rosy, you are cold.

Punch I see it ! I see it !

Posy Have you seen it, Punch ?

Robin I see it ! I see it !

Spot So do I ! So do I !

Posy You have all seen it.
It is on the shelf.

Punch shall hide it this time.

Posy Here is John's paint-box.
I will paint your picture, Rosy.
It will be a pretty picture.
Get me some water
for mixing the paints.



Rosy Let me look at the picture.
Oh ! It is not at all pretty.
You do not paint well, Posy.
I will teach you how to paint.

Punch Little fish,
what do you wish?

Fish I wish to swim in water.

Punch Would you like hot water?

Fish I like cold water.

Punch Here is the water, fish.

Robin Little fish, little fish,
You may swim, if you wish.





Quack-Quack I wish to swim,
like the fish.
Will you put me in the water ?

Punch You have rollers on.
You can not swim in rollers.

Quack-Quack Take the rollers off.
Then put me into the water.

Punch I will take your rollers off.
Then you can swim.

Quack-Quack I am in the water.
Quack-quack ! See me swim.

Rosy Oh Punch! You are wet!
Where have you been, Punch?

Punch I fell into the water.
I put my ship into the tub
to see it sail. Then I fell in.

Rosy Oh Punch! How could you?
You will catch a bad cold.
Go and sit in the hot sun.



See the water fall
drip, drip, drip.
Punch fell in with his
ship, ship, ship.

Robin I will make some skates
from Quack-quack's rollers.

Punch May I skate, too, Robin ?

Robin Yes, Punch, you may skate.
Look at me ! How well I skate !
Catch me ! I am going to fall.



Punch Did you hurt yourself ?
You had a bad fall.

Robin The fall did not hurt me.
You may skate now, Punch.

Rosy Here is a soldier's cap.

Punch Let me have it, Rosy.

I do want a soldier's cap.



Posy How funny you look.

It is too big for you, Punch.

Rosy will make a cap for you.

Robin Make me a cap, Rosy.

Rosy I will make a soldier's cap
for all of us.

Rosy Here is a cap for Teddy.
Come, Punch and Posy.
Here are caps for you.

Robin Now we are soldiers.
Be quick and get into a line.
Left, right ! Left, right !
O Punch ! What are you doing ?
You are not a good soldier.
Stand all ! Punch is out of step.
Left, right ! Left, right !



Punch This is a good game.
I like to play at soldiers.
See how well I keep in step.
Left, right ! Left, right !

Rosy Where are we going to ?
Robin Let us go to the window.
Then Punch shall lead us.
Come to the window Punch.
Punch Here I am. Left, right !
Left, right ! Left, right !
I will lead you well.
Rosy O Punch, Punch !
You do not lead well at all.
You are out of step yourself.
You are a bad soldier.

Punch What are you doing, Posy?

Posy I have John's ball.

We are going to play with it.

Punch Look out for the window.

That is not the right ball
to throw in the house.



You need a soft ball for that.
This ball is soft. Play with it.
You can roll John's ball,
but you must not throw it.

Robin Here is John's pipe.
He can blow bubbles with it.



Rosy Here is Ruth's, too.
Let us all blow bubbles.
I will get some water in a pail.
Punch Let us blow the bubbles
out of the window.
They will look pretty in the sun.
Blow, bubble ! Blow !

Posy What pretty bubbles !
Blow them through the window.
They will go over the tree-tops.

Rosy Look at that bubble.
Do you see how it sails away ?
It shines in the sun.
It is like a little balloon.

Robin Yes, It sails away
like John's red balloon.

Rosy And like Ruth's balloon.
Posy Where are they going to ?
Rosy They are going up, up, up.
Sail away, little balloons. I wish
you would take us with you
to John and Ruth and Baby.

Rosy I wish I could sail
like a bubble.

I would go and find Ruth.

Robin I would go and find John.

Punch I would go and find Baby.

Robin Let us get the balloons.

Here is John's. It is red.

Rosy Here is Ruth's. It is pink.

Posy I have Baby's balloon.

Robin Let us hang the balloons
on to this basket.

Then we will all get
into the basket, and sail away.

Rosy Will it sail, Robin ?

Robin We shall see.

Robin Get into the basket.
Get in, Rosy, Posy and Punch.
Come, Teddy and Muffy.
Get into the basket all of you.



Dobbin May I go with you ?
Spot Take me, Robin. Take me.
Let me come into the basket.
Robin Oh, no ! You can not go.
Goodbye ! Goodbye ! We are off !

Rosy

She has come home.

Robin John has come too.

Punch I hear Baby May.

They have all come home.

All We do not need to sail away
To look for Ruth, John and May.



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